

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 13-2006

DATE: July 5, 2006

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Rudolph; Committee Members Petroskey; Hansen; Baier;
Wickman; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt;
DNR Liaison Forester Manny Oradei; Other Attendees: Les Felbab;
John Pfeifer; Dennis Kelly.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chairman Rudolph at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA OF PRESENT MEETING—The agenda of the present meeting was approved on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2006 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Petroskey, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2006 Forestry Committee meeting, upon correction per Chair Rudolph on page 2 to change voice vote to roll call vote. (Wickman abstained from approving minutes since he was not in attendance at June 7, 2006 meeting.) Motion carried.

ADVERTISING & PROMOTION:

a) MONTHLY REPORT BY JOHN PFEIFER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION ACTIVITIES & BUDGET. John Pfeifer presented a report of advertising and promotion activities, stating that web visits were up by approximately 21% and referrals were up by approximately 83%. John Pfeifer stated that Oneida County Tourism is in need of a supply of brochures to meet needs for the remainder of their contract term (end of year). John Pfeifer had obtained quotes on a 16 page brochure. Hearing this, it was moved by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey, to accept John Pfeifer's suggestion to obtain the 16 page brochure similar to last edition of the 28 page brochure, for approximately \$2,600.00 for printing 6,000 brochures without ads, with half of the cost coming out of the advertising budget, and to offer Towns to advertise in the brochure, including Town web sites. Included in the motion was to change the direction from the June 7, 2006 meeting concerning the approved brochure. Roll call vote: Wickman—naye; Petroskey—aye; Baier—aye; Hansen—aye; Rudolph—aye. Motion carried.

b) UPDATE OF AD HOC TOURISM COMMITTEE BY GUY HANSEN, CHAIRMAN. Chairman Guy Hansen reported that the Ad Hoc Tourism Committee had reviewed tourism programs of 3 counties and mentioned that Vilas County had 11 kiosks for tourism information located in Vilas County. Wickman inquired about the possible dual relationship between Oneida and Vilas Counties.

UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF HWY. O SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT--Bilogan reported that he had been in contact with

Sean Spromberg of CWEA, noting that there were two changes to Wheeler drawings, and that a meeting was scheduled for July 13, 2006 to meet with CWEA, Janke Construction, and John Bilogan at the bridge site.

DISCUSS / APPROVE COUNTY SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANTS FOR PERMANENT FORDS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF LYNNE, NENE SEC.30; SENW SEC.18-T37N-R4E—Bilogan explained that a sustainable forestry grant was needed for materials and labor for low water crossing(s) in Lynne, across Thunder Creek, Section 30-T37N-R4E, for \$2,500.00. Hearing this, it was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baier, to approve the grant application. Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF LITTLE RICE TO DEPOSIT 2,000 YARDS OF EXCESS FILL IN THE BURROWS LAKE (COUNTY-OWNED) GRAVEL PIT—Dennis Kelly, Department of Public Works, was in attendance on behalf of the Town of Little Rice, to request permission from Oneida County Forestry Department to deposit 2,000 yards of excess fill in the Burrows Lake gravel pit. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Petroskey, to approve this request. Motion carried.

UPDATE RE: EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN WILLOW AREA (IF ANY)—No change until after a meeting in August, and pending BOA variance (3rd week in July).

COMPLETION OF THE TOMAHAWK RIVER SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE RE-DECKING PROJECT—Bilogan reported that this re-decking project of the Tomahawk River Snowmobile Bridge had been satisfactorily completed.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COUNTY BOARD DIRECTIVE TO OBTAIN A LAND APPRAISAL AND SURVEY FOR THE N ½ OF THE NE1/4SW1/4 SECTION 33, T37N-R9E—Bilogan reported that he had made contact with a company that could do commercial land appraisals, and that this company had stated they would be able to provide the appraisal within 15 business days for \$1,500.00. A survey of the area had been done in 1997 and the committee felt that would be sufficient.

REVIEW THE 2005 FORESTRY, LAND, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE JULY COUNTY BOARD MEETING—Chair Rudolph stated that he would like to have a longer time to review the report. The Committee suggested that any changes to the report could be directed to Bilogan by July 10 in order to make the July 18, 2006 County Board meeting. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Wickman, to approve the annual report with any changes by July 10, to submit to the Oneida County Board for the July 18, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY AND LOGISTICS OF TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONEIDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 18: LAND USE & SALES TO THE LAND INFORMATION OFFICE—Bilogan distributed a proposal he had prepared to the Committee, after which it was moved by Baier, seconded by Wickman, to approve and forward the proposed transfer of Chapter 18: Land Use & Sales to the Land Records Committee. Included in the motion was if a joint meeting is needed, that will be decided at the Land Records Committee meeting. Motion carried.

TIMBER SALE(S) FOR DISPOSITION—None. However, County Forester Paul Fiene noted that stumpage receipts to date totaled \$339,788.57.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY), AND COMPENSATORY TIME REPORTS—The Vouchers and Blanket Purchase Orders were approved for payment on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Baier, as follows: Airgas \$15.50; Lakeland Hardware \$55.54; Oneida County Highway Commission \$1037.07; Greg's Small Engine \$15.00; CIB \$41.90; Birchfield Nurseries \$3,661.52; Carquest \$73.32; Todd's Tip Top Tree Service \$4,000.00; DCI \$71.14; Musson Bros. \$1681.50; Ramada—Hayward \$682.00; CWEA \$965.00; Performance Concrete \$9521.55; Culligan Water Conditioning \$76.00; Wisconsin Public Service \$157.53; Alltel \$49.20; Frontier \$42.00; Oneida County Solid Waste \$57.00. Motion carried.

No line item transfers necessary.

The compensatory time report was also reviewed and approved on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman. Motion carried.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING--August 2, 2006. September 6, 2006.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—Tourism brochure item; discuss county park patrolling; update sheriff's department progress; discuss possibility of caretaker at county parks; tower issue; County Forest trash litter pick up issue (Bart Sexton).

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Les Felbab stated that he thought Almon Park was the best he has ever seen it!

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, at 3:25 p.m., it was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Baier, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

THOMAS RUDOLPH
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY